- A. Well, I'm going to leave that up to Colonel Lally and the Police. They'll be allowed to enter the dormitories to get what effects they need and we will try to be nondisruptive as we can be.
- Q. Governor, is the campus now secured under the State Police?
- A. The State Police have been instructed to secure the campus.
- Q. Was that at 7:30?
- A. Well, yes.
- Q. Governor, getting back to the point of outside influence again (garbled)....Governor. I'm sorry I couldn't understand that. (Question garbled ends):....danger to the public walfare?
- A. Well, I think it's perfectly clear that when they made the statements that no one will refute that they made, that they were going to take such actions as utilizing the switchboard of the college wasting water certainly turning on lights this is the beginning of other more serious steps that might involve the actual destruction of property. And when people embark upon a course of action that's deliberately calculated to inflame and provoke other action in response to it, there's no end to how far they can go. And I don't feel, in my position, having the responsibility in this State to protect the public property and the public health, safety and welfare, I don't feel disposed to see some drastic thing happen at that college campus tonight and then have people ask me tomorrow: "Why didn't you take action to secure it?"
- Q. What would constitute the normalcy you spoke of?
- A. Well, I think the condition of normalcy would indicate that conditions that prevailed on that College campus in a day-to-day situation two or three months ago, restored, would be normal in my opinion. In that regard, I do intend to meet with Dr. Myers and the Board of Trustees tomorrow to discuss the situation. I don't want to keep the school closed any longer than is absolutely necessary, because I recognize that this causes a great hardship to the students, particularly those who have not been involved in the lawbreaking.
- Q. Governor, do you have any idea what the situation is at Bowie at this moment?
- A. Well, I talked to Dr. Myers no longer than 15 minutes ago, and it was quiet.
- Q. Have you alerted the National Guard?
- A. I alerted the National Guard this afternoon, and it's a matter of routine that whenever any kind of dispute of this type, involving a